

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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REP. JOHN A. LEPPER, REP. ELIZABETH
A. POIRIER,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Case No. 04-10921-JLT

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT FOR THE
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS;
CHIEF JUSTICE MARGARET MARSHALL,
JUSTICE ROBERT J. CORDY, JUSTICE
JUDITH A. COWIN, JUSTICE JOHN M.
GREANEY, JUSTICE RODERICK L. IRELAND,
JUSTICE MARTHA B. SOSMAN, JUSTICE
FRANCIS X. SPINA, in their official capacities
as Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court of
Massachusetts; MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH;
CHRISTINE C. FERGUSON, in her official
capacity as Commissioner of the Massachusetts
Department of Public Health; JUDY A.
McCARTHY, in her official capacity as City
Registrar for the City of Boston; CITY AND
TOWN CLERKS 1-350,

Defendants.

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY TO SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AND
JUSTICES' OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER AND IN SUPPORT OF COURT AND JUSTICES' MOTION
TO DISMISS**

COME NOW the Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(b)(3), and move this Court for leave to file a Reply to Supreme Judicial Court and Justices' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and in Support of Court and Justices' Motion to Dismiss. In support thereof, Plaintiffs state and allege as follows:

1. On May 10, 2004, Plaintiffs filed a Complaint and a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction.

2. On May 11, 2004, Defendants Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Justices filed one brief that was both in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for TRO and in Support of Court and Justices' Motion to Dismiss.

3. Pursuant to local rules, Plaintiffs are entitled to file a Response in opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss, but must obtain leave of Court to file a Reply to any opposition papers.

4. Because Defendants used one brief as both their opposition paper and their brief in support of their Motion to Dismiss, and out of an abundance of caution, Plaintiffs are requesting leave to file a Reply Brief to the extent that their papers can be considered a Reply to Defendant's Opposition.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs move for leave of this Court to file a Reply to Supreme Judicial Court and Justices' Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and in Support of Court and Justices' Motion to Dismiss.

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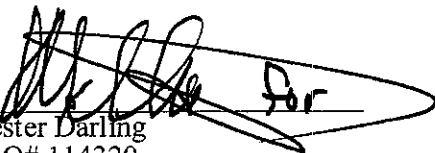
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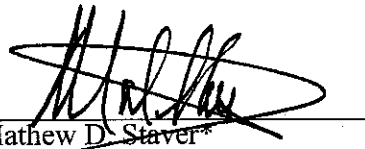
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